

## SCHOOL SYSTEM

Now in Operation in Porto Rico Reported by New Commissioner.

### 800 TEACHERS EMPLOYED.

Not to be Compared With American Systems—Transformation Must be Gradual—Imposed Upon by Fake Teachers—Spanish Taught by the Natives—80 Per Cent of the People Illiterate—Children Badly Cared For.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 14.—M. G. Brumbaugh, commissioner of education for Porto Rico, says the school system now in operation there includes eight hundred teachers and 38,000 pupils. This is only a beginning, as there are 200,000 children of school age without school facilities, most of whom would enroll if they could. Commissioner Brumbaugh says the hope of the island is in the public schools and that the great illiteracy in Porto Rico must be reduced. The schools are not to be compared with American systems, but their transformation must be gradual. The report says that the present school law should be wholly abrogated at the coming session of the insular legislature, for many reasons and a new law passed. A change in the licensing of teachers is needed to protect good teachers "from the competitions and machinations of worthless teachers and from the pernicious interference of politicians."

#### Closer Supervision Urged.

The report urges closer supervision and quotes Dr. Groff, formerly acting commissioner, as saying that the supervisors of the school were at first ex-soldiers, ex-teamsters, ex-packers and other such men, and they had to teach English in addition, but now they are men as qualified as the salary can command and the supervision requires their entire time. There are over one hundred American teachers engaged in the schools and the demand is for more provided they know enough Spanish to instruct the children in their native tongue. One group of these American teachers is denounced, "the seekers after novelty and new experiences, mere adventurers, who imposed upon the administration and the children, and who use the salary and position of teacher solely to see a new country for a year and then return."

#### Better Teachers Remain.

"Fortunately these are gone, and the better teachers remain to carry on a really helpful and arduous task. The people of Porto Rico have patiently borne with these adventurers and quietly longed for their departure."

"Thousands of children in this island, says the report, are half clothed, half fed, and half housed. At least 80 per cent of all the people are illiterate, and the crying need is schools to reduce the appalling illiteracy. There are no public school buildings and no public colleges or universities."

### KING WILLIAM

Speaks at Length at Reassembling of Reichstag—Dwells Upon the Chinese Trouble.

BERLIN, Nov. 14.—The Reichstag reassembled to-day. The speech from the throne dwelt at considerable length on the events in China which have excited such deep emotion among civilized people, saying:

"Fanatical hate and dark superstition, incited by unscrupulous advisers of the court, have driven misguided masses of Chinese to acts of atrocity against the outposts of western civilization and Christian worship dwelling peacefully in their midst."

"My minister died at the hand of an assassin, in a courageous attempt to overcome the rising peril. The foreigners at the capital saw themselves threatened, life and limb. These things of horror united the civilized community, where otherwise there was a divergence. All nations against which the unparalleled onslaught was directed drew closer. Their sons fought with one mind, shoulder to shoulder, even as yonder standards float side by side."

#### Wish to Restore Order.

"So the governments show themselves in council, united with the sole wish to restore an orderly state of things speedily, and, after the punishment of the chief culprits, avert a recurrence in the future of such a disturbance of the peace of the world."

## Scrofula

THE OFFSPRING OF HEREDITARY BLOOD TAIN.

Scrofula is but a modified form of Blood Poison and Consumption. The parent who is tainted by either will see in the child the same disease manifesting itself in the form of swollen glands of the neck and throat, catarrh, weak eyes, offensive sores and abscesses and of untimely white swelling—sure signs of Scrofula. There may be no external signs for a long time, for the disease develops slowly in some cases, but the poison is in the blood and will break out at the first favorable opportunity. S. S. S. cures this wasting, destructive disease by first purifying and building up the blood and stimulating and invigorating the whole system.

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## WOMEN MUST SLEEP.

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Friends ask, "what is the cause?" and the answer comes in plying tones, nervous prostration. It came upon you so quietly in the beginning, that you were not alarmed, and when sleep deserted you night after night until your eyes fairly burned in the darkness, then you tossed in nervous agony praying for sleep.



Mrs. A. HARTLEY.

You ought to have known that when you ceased to be regular in your courses, and you grew irritable without cause, that there was serious trouble somewhere.

You ought to know that indigestion, exhaustion, womb displacements, fainting, dizziness, headache, and backache send the nerves wild with fright, and you cannot sleep.

Mrs. Hartley, of 221 W. Congress St., Chicago, Ill., whose portrait we publish, suffered all these agonies, and was entirely cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; her case should be a warning to others, and her cure carry conviction to the minds of every suffering woman of the unfailing efficiency of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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The German financial bill submitted to the federal council shows that to balance it the sum of 2,240,947,301 marks will be required. The bill empowers the imperial chancellor to raise a loan of 97,255,334 marks and to issue treasury bills to the amount of 175,000,000 marks to strengthen the ordinary working capital of the imperial treasury.

Thomas P. Rixey, labor commissioner of Missouri, appeared before the Industrial Commission yesterday. He gave a detailed account of the St. Louis street car strike of last summer and said that the reason he had not invoked the state arbitration law for the settlement of the strike was that the law was inadequate. He advocated compulsory arbitration.

The annual meeting of the general missionary committee of the Methodist Episcopal church, which is to continue for a week, began Wednesday at the St. Paul M. E. church, in New York city. The purpose of the meeting is for the appropriation of money for missionary work for the ensuing year and the apportionment of this appropriation at home and abroad.

The third annual convention of the National Founders' Association began at New York Wednesday with O. P. Letchworth, of Buffalo, presiding. Most of the large foundry firms of the country belong to this association. There is no set programme. Not much time will be taken up by wage discussions, as no disputes are pending, except one in Cleveland.

Professors Payne and Wilson, at Goodsell observatory, Northfield, Mass., with assistant students, noted and charted sixty Leonid meteors between midnight and daybreak. Some of them were of good magnitude and left long trails. The maximum of the display is expected to-night. It was impossible to make any satisfactory photos on Wednesday morning.

Senators Platt, of New York, Fairbanks, of Indiana, Foraker, of Ohio, and Thurston, of Nebraska, were at the white house Wednesday. Senator Fairbanks said that in his judgment at the short session of Congress an army reorganization bill and the reapportionment bill certainly would be passed, and that the Nicaragua canal bill probably would pass.

The first infraction of the postal laws under the American regime in Porto Rico is reported in a cablegram to the postoffice department received from Inspector-in-charge Leatherman, at San Juan, announcing the arrest of Antonio Quinones, for assaulting Letter Carrier Jose Major with intent to rob. The assault occurred last Monday. The carrier will probably die and Quinones has been held under \$10,000 bond for the grand jury.

The Parsons and Hayes factions of the Knights of Labor, continued yesterday at Birmingham, Ala., in separate conventions. Those of the Hayes faction reply to the charge that its convention cannot be regular by stating that the books and papers of the order in their possession were shipped from Washington, D. C., before the court forbade their removal. They assume emphatically to be holding a regular convention.

Admiral Van Reypen, surgeon general of the navy, has received a report concerning the wounding of Captain Myers, the ranking marine officer in Pekin. The wound proves to have been most novel, being made with a Chinese spear, and is one of the few wounds from such a weapon that the American surgeons have been called upon to treat. It also evidences the close quarters at which the American commander at Pekin was engaged with the Chinese spearman. The wound has healed to some extent and Captain Myers is convalescing.

#### Big Cattle Trust.

CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 13.—George B. Loving, of Fort Worth, Texas, passed through Cleveland to-day, on his way to New York, where, according to an afternoon paper, he will conclude negotiations for a \$50,000,000 cattle trust which will absorb fifty Texas ranches. Officers of the Leather trust, it is said, will furnish the capital.

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## STRONG FAILURE.

Receiver Appointed for the Firm of Which Late Mayor was Head.

### AFFAIRS IN WORSE CONDITION

Than the Business World Suspected. Death of the Junior Partner Made It Impossible to Negotiate Notes. Largest Failure That Has Occurred For Several Years.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—The appointment of a receiver for the firm of W. L. Strong & Company, yesterday, has been discussed with great interest in mercantile circles here to-day, in view of the report that the firm's affairs are in much worse condition than those who knew the late ex-Mayor Strong suspected.

Mr. Edward A. Trent, the receiver, made the following statement:

"The death of W. L. Strong and the death of F. H. Stott, who was the senior partner of the Stott woolen mills, located at Stottsville, N. Y., in which the firm of W. L. Strong & Company was largely interested, made it impossible to negotiate the notes that were maturing, as both concerns were on the paper. Therefore, for the protection of all the creditors, the remaining members of the firm and the friends of W. L. Strong, together with the executors of Col. Strong's estate, all decided that a receiver ought to be appointed for the purpose of a speedy settlement of the firm's affairs."

### BRANCH STORE

In Philadelphia at Which a Large Business Was Transacted—Number of Heavy Creditors.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 14.—William L. Strong & Company, wholesale dry goods merchants, for whom a receiver was appointed in New York yesterday, have a branch house in this city at which a large business is transacted. Attorneys have secured foreign attachments against the firm in common pleas court here for the following creditors:

June T. Griswold, with bail fixed at \$92,000, and Summoning Hood, Foulkrod & Company, George F. Port & Company, Strawbridge and Clothier John Wanamaker, Folwell Brothers & Company, Miller, Bain, Beyer & Company; the Griswold Worsted Company, and John G. Vogler as garnishees.

Frank T. Griswold against the same defendants, with bail fixed at \$70,000, and summoning the same firms as garnishees.

Elizabeth T. Griswold, against the same, with bail fixed at \$162,169, and the same garnishees.

#### Secure Possession of Goods.

The summoning of the firms as garnishees in the claims filed by the Griswolds is intended by the attorneys for the plaintiffs to secure possession of any goods or moneys belonging to William L. Strong & Company, that may have been in their keeping at the time of the appointment of a receiver. One of the attorneys for the Griswolds said:

"It is one of the largest failures that has occurred in the last few years, and the liabilities will easily amount to \$5,000,000."

Edward A. Trent, the receiver for the firm of W. L. Strong & Company, said to-day that he was at present unable to remove the uncertainty as to whether or not the firm is solvent. It is not yet known whether or not the firm was financially embarrassed before the death of ex-Mayor Strong. Mr. Trent made the following statement:

#### Solvency in Question.

"No one can tell whether or not the firm is solvent. The books must be gone over and days will be required for that work. Just as soon as I can I will issue a statement of the firm's affairs."

The general opinion among men in the dry goods trade to-day was that it would not have been necessary to apply for a receiver of the firm had it not been that Mr. Strong and F. M. Stott, of Stottsville, N. Y., died within a few days of each other.

It is generally supposed that Mr. Strong was a large endorser of Mr. Stott.

#### A Wrong Notion of Rheumatism.

At least seven out of every ten persons, probably, regard rheumatism as a local disease—that is, they think that the disease is confined to the part or parts where the pain or soreness is located. This is a mistaken idea; rheumatism is a general condition of the system. To cure it, the system must be renovated; the organs, the blood and the nerves must be restored to a healthy condition. To bring about this result, it is necessary to administer medicines that act on the different organs, cleanse the blood and soothe the nerves.

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Mr. W. A. Hines, of Manchester, Ind., writing of his almost miraculous escape from death, says: "Exposure after measles induced serious lung trouble, which ended in Consumption. I had frequent hemorrhages and coughed night and day. All my doctors said I must soon die. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which completely cured me. I would not be without it even if it cost \$5.00 a bottle. Hundreds have used it on my recommendation and all say it never fails to cure Throat, Chest and Lung troubles." Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Logan Drug Co.'s drug store.—4.

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